

## DHS—USCG

## Final Rule Stage

Towing Vessels (USCG 1998-4445; RIN 2115-AF66).

Transferred from RIN 2115-AF53

**URL For More Information:**

<http://dms.dot.gov>

**URL For Public Comments:**

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**RIN:** 1625-AA60

**1103. • APPROVAL FOR EXPERIMENTAL SHIPBOARD INSTALLATIONS OF BALLAST WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (USCG-2001-9267)**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 4711

**CFR Citation:** 33 CFR 151, subpart C; 33 CFR 151, subpart D

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rulemaking would establish a program through which vessel owners could apply for advance, conditional approval of experimental ballast water treatment systems installed and tested onboard their operating vessels. This interim rule would facilitate the development of effective ballast water treatment technology that could serve as an alternative to ballast water exchange, and ensure that U.S. regulations accomplish the intent of Congress to prevent and control the introduction of unwanted aquatic nuisance species as stated in the National Invasive Species Act of 1996.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
Request for Comments	05/22/01 66 FR 28213
Interim Final Rule	09/00/03

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1625-AA66

**1104. • AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM; VESSEL CARRIAGE REQUIREMENT (USCG-2003-14757)**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** PL 107-295

**CFR Citation:** 33 CFR 161; 33 CFR 164; 33 CFR 165

**Legal Deadline:** Other, Statutory, November 25, 2003, Section 102(d) of Public Law 107-295 requires the issuance of a temporary interim rule as soon as practicable that must expire not later than November 25, 2003, unless superseded by a final rule before that date.

**Abstract:** The Coast Guard will amend certain ports and waterways regulations to reflect vessel carriage requirements, and technical and performance standards for an automatic identification system (AIS). The rule will implement the AIS vessel requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) requirements adopted under International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended. The changes will require AIS on all SOLAS vessels and certain other commercial vessels. The rule will facilitate vessel communications, enhance good order and predictability, promote safe navigation, expand maritime domain awareness, and improve upon existing operating measures on our nation's waterways. This rulemaking replaces a rulemaking we have withdrawn, RIN 1625-AA61 (Formerly 2115-AG36). We have withdrawn that rulemaking and have replaced it with this one that will specifically respond to the MTSA, including its requirement to publish a temporary interim rule (TIR). The TIR will focus on SOLAS vessels in all waters and domestic vessels operating in Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) and Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) areas only. The public will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the TIR. Separate from this rulemaking, a notice will also be published seeking comments on AIS carriage requirements for non-VTS or non-VMRS areas, such as for other navigable waters per MTSA or domestic vessels over 500 gross tons per SOLAS. This new rulemaking supports Coast

Guard strategic goals of maritime safety, maritime security, protection of natural resources and maritime mobility.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
Temporary Interim Rule	07/00/03

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local

**Federalism:** This action may have federalism implications as defined in EO 13132.

**Additional Information:** Related docket: Maritime Security Notice, USCG-2002-14069 (67 FR 79742, December 30, 2002), available at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**Related RIN:** Related To 1625-AA42, Related To 1625-AA43, Related To 1625-AA46, Related To 1625-AA61, Related To 1625-AA68, Related To 1625-AA69

**RIN:** 1625-AA67

**1105. • OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF FACILITY SECURITY (USCG-2003-14759)**

**Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** PL 107-295

**CFR Citation:** 33 CFR 106

**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, November 25, 2003, Section 102(d) of Public Law 107-295 requires the issuance of a temporary interim rule as soon as practicable that must expire not later than November 25, 2003, unless superseded by a final rule before that date.

**Abstract:** This rulemaking will establish security measures for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facilities commensurate with the level and degree of risk within the marine transportation system and will affect all users, workers, and property in and adjacent to navigable waters of the United States and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. This rulemaking will include requirements for OCS Facility Security Assessments,